

**Senator Luz Escamilla** proposes the following substitute bill:

**FOOD SECURITY AMENDMENTS**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Luz Escamilla**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill addresses food security in the state.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms;
- creates the State Nutrition Action Coalition at Utah State University to coordinate state efforts in addressing food security; and
- describes the membership, duties, and reporting requirements of the State Nutrition Action Coalition.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2023:

- to Utah State University -- Cooperative Extension, as an ongoing appropriation:
  - from the General Fund, \$75,000.

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**53B-18-1701**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



26 [53B-18-1702](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

27 [53B-18-1703](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. Section **53B-18-1701** is enacted to read:

30 **Part 17. State Nutrition Action Coalition**

31 **53B-18-1701. Definitions.**

32 As used in this part:

33 (1) "Coalition" means the State Nutrition Action Coalition created in Section  
34 [53B-18-1702](#).

35 (2) "Food security" means access to sufficient, affordable, safe, and nutritious food that  
36 meets an individual's food preferences and dietary needs.

37 (3) "SNAP-Ed program" means the nutrition education component of the federal  
38 "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program" under Title 7, U.S.C. Chapter 51, Supplemental  
39 Nutrition Assistance Program.

40 (4) "State superintendent" means the state superintendent of public instruction  
41 appointed under Section [53E-3-301](#).

42 (5) "Utah food product" means a food product that is produced in the state.

43 Section 2. Section **53B-18-1702** is enacted to read:

44 **53B-18-1702. Creation of State Nutrition Action Coalition -- Members.**

45 (1) There is created at Utah State University the State Nutrition Action Coalition.

46 (2) The coalition is composed of the following 15 members:

47 (a) the executive director of the Department of Health and Human Services or the  
48 executive director's designee;

49 (b) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the executive  
50 director's designee;

51 (c) the state superintendent or the state superintendent's designee;

52 (d) the commissioner or the commissioner's designee;

53 (e) the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food or the commissioner's  
54 designee; and

55 (f) the following members appointed by the chair of the coalition:

- 57 (i) one member who represents the Utah State University Extension Service;  
58 (ii) one member who represents the Utah State University Expanded Food and  
59 Nutrition Education Program;  
60 (iii) one member who represents the Utah Women, Infants, and Children Program  
61 administered under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1786;  
62 (iv) one member who represents the Utah SNAP-Ed program;  
63 (v) one member who represents a food assistance organization;  
64 (vi) one member who represents an advocacy group that addresses federal nutrition  
65 programs;  
66 (vii) one member who represents an organization that promotes healthy eating and  
67 active lifestyles in the state;  
68 (viii) one member who represents an organization that provides refugee resettlement  
69 services in the state;  
70 (ix) one member who represents the Utah Farm Bureau Federation; and  
71 (x) one member who represents a tribal government in the state.  
72 (3) (a) A member described in Subsection (2)(d) shall serve a term of two years.  
73 (b) If a vacancy occurs for a member described in Subsection (2)(d), the chair of the  
74 coalition shall appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the member's term.  
75 (c) A member may serve more than one term.  
76 (4) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service.  
77 (5) The coalition shall elect a chair from the coalition's members, who shall serve a  
78 two-year term.  
79 (6) (a) A majority of the members of the coalition constitutes a quorum of the  
80 coalition.  
81 (b) The action by a majority of the members of a quorum constitutes the action of the  
82 coalition.  
83 (7) The Utah State University Hunger Solutions Institute shall provide staff support to  
84 the coalition.  
85 Section 3. Section **53B-18-1703** is enacted to read:  
86 **53B-18-1703. Duties of State Nutrition Action Coalition -- Reporting.**  
87 (1) The coalition shall:

(a) develop statewide goals and messaging related to food security and nutrition education;

(b) coordinate statewide efforts to address food security;

(c) ensure that any state programs receiving federal funds from the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service provide consistent and coordinated nutrition education messaging;

(d) promote programs and activities that contribute to healthy eating and active lifestyles;

(e) promote programs and activities that advance Utah food products; and

(f) disseminate the statewide goals and messaging developed under Subsection (2) to state agencies.

(2) On or before October 1 of each year, the coalition shall prepare and submit an annual written report to the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee and the Education Interim Committee that contains:

(a) a description of the coalition's operations, activities, programs, and services; and

(b) any recommendations on how the state should act to address issues relating to food security.

(3) The coalition may accept gifts, grants, or donations from public or private sources for purposes of carrying out the coalition's duties.

#### Section 4. **Appropriation.**

The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2023. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

#### ITEM 1

To Utah State University -- Cooperative Extension

From General Fund

\$75,000

Schedule of Programs:

Cooperative Extension

\$75,000

The Legislature intends that the appropriation under this item be used for expenses

119 relating to the State Nutrition Action Coalition created in Section [53B-18-1702](#).